



**MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**

**Official Minutes**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI,  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

A special meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the Missouri Department of Transportation, 105 W. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri. Terry L. Ecker, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: W. Dustin Boatwright, P.E., Gregg C Smith, Warren K. Erdman, Francis G. Slay, and Daniel J. Hegeman.

The meeting was called pursuant to Section 226.120 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended. The Secretary verified that notice of the meeting was posted in keeping with Section 610.020 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

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Patrick McKenna, Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation; Rich Tiemeyer, Chief Counsel for the Commission; and Pamela J. Harlan, Secretary to the Commission, were present on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

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“Commission” or “MHTC” herein refers to Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.*

**-- CLOSED MEETING --**

**VOTE TO CLOSE MEETING**

The agenda of the closed meeting was posted in keeping with Sections 610.020 and 610.022, RSMo, including the following statutory citations allowing the meeting to be closed:

1. Section 610.021(1) – Legal actions and attorney-client privileged communications.
2. Section 610.021(3), (13) – Personnel administration regarding particular employees.
3. Section 610.021(11), (12) – Competitive bidding specs, sealed bids, or negotiated contracts.

Upon motion duly made and seconded to convene in closed session, the Chairman called for a voice vote of the members. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Ecker, Aye  
Commissioner Boatwright, Aye  
Commissioner Smith, Aye  
Commissioner Erdman, Aye  
Commissioner Slay, Aye  
Commissioner Hegeman, Aye

The Commission met in closed session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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**-- OPEN MEETING --**

**COMMISSION/DIRECTOR ITEMS**

**COMMISSION WORKSHOP – MHTC ORIENTATION**

The Commission held a workshop to learn more about transportation funding. Patrick McKenna, Director, and Brenda Morris, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the financial forecast and explained that it is the foundation that is used to develop the department’s budget that includes targets for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The financial forecast is an estimate. They also reviewed the budget process and how it takes 18 months from the development of a draft budget, that then goes through the legislative appropriations process, before it comes to the Commission for approval.

Ed Hassinger, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, and Eric Schroeter, Assistant Chief Engineer, then reviewed the Commission’s funding allocation policy and the flow of funds for the road and bridge construction program. They reviewed the factors used to determine the allocations to the districts and provided a sample year of funding.

The Commission discussed with the department the importance of maintaining the current transportation assets. They also shared their desire for an adjustment to the goals for the condition of the system and subsequently an adjustment of the allocation that continues the focus on asset management. The Commission also discussed properly funding the operations of the organization as well.

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By unanimous consensus of all members present, the meeting of the Commission adjourned.

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**The Mission of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is to:**

- Represent the citizens of Missouri pursuant to the Constitution by providing independent and nonpartisan governance of the Missouri Department of Transportation; and
- Establish policies, exercise oversight, and ensure accountability in developing and maintaining a world class transportation system in Missouri which fosters safety and economic development.

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